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NOVEL MUTANTS OF GRAM NEGATIVE MUCOSAL BACTERIA AND APPLICATION THEREOF IN VACCINES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to PCT/DO/EO/905 mailed April 11, 2000, we enclose herewith a copy of the executed declaration with a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt which evidences that the executed declaration was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 21, 2000.

The required 37 CFR 1.492(e) surcharge was paid at the time of filing the application.

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